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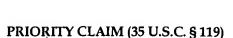
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION					
WARN	NG: If the inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims, an explanation of the facts including the ownership of all the claims at the time the last claimed invention was made should be submitted.				
My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:					
TITLE OF INVENTION:					
	MODULAR SYSTEM				

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

the specificati	on of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c))						
(a)	is attached hereto.						
(b)	was filed on October 23, 2001 as X Serial No. 10/000,316 or Express Mai No., as Serial No. not yet known and was amended on (if applicable).						
NOTE:	Amendments filed after the original papers are deposited with the PTO which contain new matter are not accorded a filing date by being referred to in the declaration. Accordingly, the amendments involved are those filed with the application papers or, in the case of a supplemental declaration, are those amendments claiming matter not encompassed in the original statement of invention or claims. See 37 CFR 1.67.						
(c)	was described and claimed in PCT International Application No filed on and as amended under PCT Article 19 on (if any).						
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.							
l acknowledge	e the duty to disclose information						
\boxtimes	which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56						
	(also check the following items, if desired)						
\boxtimes	and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and						
	in compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.						



I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

		(complete (d) or (e))		
(d)		no such applications have been filed.		
(e)	\boxtimes	such applications have been filed as follows:		
NOTE:		Where item (c) is entered above and the International Application which designated the U.S. itsel claimed priority check item (e), enter the details below and make the priority claim.		

PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS (6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS APPLICATION AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119

COUNTRY (OR INDICATE IF PCT)	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119
DE	10052619.5	24.10.00	∑YES □ NO
			YES NO
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I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. (List name and registration number)

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